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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: By Chairman Alan Olson, on January 10, 2007 at 3:25 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Alan Olson, Chairman (R)
Rep. George G. Groesbeck, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Harry Klock, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Scott Boggio (R)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Rep. Dave Gallik (D)
Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Diane Rice (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Todd Everts, Legislative Branch
Cindy Peterson, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 24, 1/4/2007; HB 56, 1/5/2007;
HB 170, 1/2/2007

CONTINUATION OF HEARING ON HB 134

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Michael Lange (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 134, Regulate rates of local government energy transmission facilities.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:00:00 Mary Jolley, Great Falls
00:04:08 Charles Bocock, Great Falls
00:08:32 Donna Kramer, Great Falls
00:09:33 Cheryl Reichert, Great Falls

[EXHIBIT\(feh06a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

00:15:40 Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:49 Rep. Driscoll
00:17:34 Mary Jolley

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:41 Rep. Lange

HEARING ON HB 56

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:21 Rep. Dave Gallik (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 56, remove limitations on coal board grants to tribal governments.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:28:22 Dave Cole, Department of Commerce
[EXHIBIT\(feh06a02\)](#)
00:33:46 Bill Kennedy, Yellowstone County Commissioner
00:35:44 Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman
00:45:29 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:49:31 Rep. Gallik

HEARING ON HB 24

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:51:31 Rep. Harry Klock (R), HD 83, opened the hearing on HB 24, Revise laws relating to carbon dioxide used for energy purposes.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:53:02 David Hoffman, PPL Montana

EXHIBIT (feh06a03)

00:55:26 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association

00:56:09 Bud Clinch, Executive Director, Montana Coal Council

00:57:02 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy

00:57:39 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:58:28 Rick Moore, Northern Plains Resource Council

Informational Testimony:

01:00:36 Bob Raney, Commissioner, Montana Public Service Commission

01:05:26 Tom Richmond, Executive Director, Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:11:19 Rep. Gallik

01:12:25 Rep. Klock

01:12:44 Rep. Gallik

01:13:28 Rep. Klock

01:13:37 Todd Everts, Legislative Environmental Analyst

01:14:29 Rep. Gallik

01:15:13 Mr. Everts

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01:16:51 Mr. Richmond
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01:19:33 Rep. Himmelberger
01:20:02 Mr. Richmond
01:21:46 Rep. Himmelberger
01:22:57 Mr. Richmond
01:23:09 Rep. Himmelberger
01:23:23 Mr. Richmond
01:24:56 Rep. Himmelberger
01:25:36 Mr. Richmond

Closing by Sponsor:

01:28:02 Rep. Klock

ADJOURNMENT

01:28:43 Adjournment: 4:52 P.M.

REP. ALAN OLSON, Chairman

CINDY PETERSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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